ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

    A printing apparatus is provided in which confidential prints
are kept secret from each other even when congested by passwords
for a plurality of confidential prints being entered in
succession. Pointers are provided at the respective ends of a
confidential print job queue and a normal print job queue in a
queue management unit 16. New print jobs are stored into the
corresponding ends. When a user enters a valid password for a
confidential print job A from an input unit 19, a control unit 11
releases the hold status of the confidential print job A. The
control unit 11 also refers to the end pointer for confidential
print jobs and moves the confidential print job A to the end of
the confidential print jobs. When a normal print job a is
completed, the control unit 11 skips held confidential print jobs
B and D, and processes the confidential print job A which is the
first released of the hold status. Then, a normal print job b1 is
executed so that no confidential print job follows immediately.